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Serial No.: 10/522,659

Filed: August 2, 2005

For: TOPSHEET OF ABSORBENT ARTICLE, ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING THE TOPSHEET, AND METHOD FOR SELECTING/EVALUATING THE TOPSHEET

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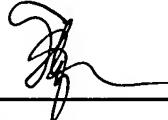
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**Title**

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**TOPSHEET OF ABSORBENT ARTICLE, ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING THE TOPSHEET, AND METHOD FOR SELECTING/EVALUATING THE TOPSHEET**

the specification of which was filed on July 24, 2003 as Application No. PCT/JP03/09379.

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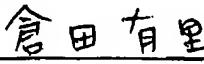
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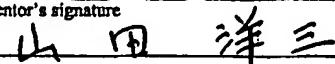
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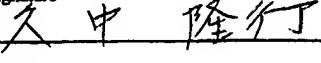
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